

Recording the

JOURNEY of the Black Rock Church of the Brethren



October 2020



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Our Vision: Come as you are. Experience God's love. Go out like Christ.

Our Mission: Black Rock Church is a place of refuge where people are renewed and transformed by the Spirit to continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together

Pastor's Page

“Bear Fruit!”

By Pastor Brandon

As I consider the times we're in, so much has changed. And yet, the freshness of fall still comes, the church is still needing to be pruned. Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We are called to bear fruit. Actually, the call is to bear much fruit. I can't help noticing in John 15 Jesus never offers circumstance in his message. He simply has the simple call to bear fruit.

So for our situation, we must do so know matter what we are or aren't able to do regardless of what we're allowed to do according to certain laws and health regulations. We must bear fruit even if we cannot gather for Love Feast. We must bear fruit even if we're a country church and many don't venture out to find us in the lonely countryside on a daily or weekly basis. We must bear fruit even as the times may suggest we stay hidden. It's up to us to still be viable and visible. Fruitful and faithful, joyful and jubilant. It's up to us to be humble with those hurting, to surround the sick, and to advocate against injustice. It's up to us to remain fervent in or walk with the Lord and sharing the good news, even as the grass withers and the leaves turn to brown. Remember what Jesus says, anyone who doesn't bear fruit is cut off like those withering grass blades, but those who bear fruit will be pruned and be even more fruitful than they were before.

So friends, let's remain in God as God remains in us. Let's bear fruit, realizing we just cannot go this road alone. We need everyone to bear fruit, and together the trees in the garden of God will be green, fresh and leafy, bearing much fruit, never withering, but always standing strong for and being blessed by God. And especially in these divisive times, let's still appreciate every brother and sister for who they are, calling on God to help us bear fruit in disagreement and divide of any kind as we truly bear fruit as we are anointed and called to be his church. To God be the glory in Jesus Name



OCTOBER

Sermon Topics and Scripture for October

October 4-Communion

(Worldwide Communion Sunday)

Scripture Philippians 3:7-14

Title- Great loss, great gain!

Description- There's a cost to following Jesus, but it's a priceless gift.

October 11-

Scripture Matthew 22:1-14

(Colossians 3:12-17 as invitation to worship)

Title- Are we dressed right!

Description- The clothes of Jesus is the only outfit we should be wearing.

October 18

Scripture Matthew 22:15-22

Title- Live the truth.

Description- If we do the right thing, we'll somehow be taken care of in the end.

October 25

Scripture-Psalm 1

Title- Delighting in God!

Description- Are we rejoicing God's way is truly the best way?

I Love OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 2 Katie Ort
- 3 Justin Hoffacker
- 4 Dawn Muir
- 6 Angela Gwinn
- 5 Pauline Brenneman
- 7 Cameron Shaffer
- 8 Shirley Marshall
- 10 Kristin Alwine
- Karen Griffie
- 14 Sandie Keller
- John Werner
- 16 Suzanne Werner
- Mike McIntire
- 18 Vicki Forbes
- 20 Chris Penn
- 21 Lynette Haring
- Autumn Licciardello
- 23 Matthew Eckert
- 24 Madison Bortner
- 25 Kase Ort
- 26 Florence Crawford
- Laura Tyler
- Annika Waltimyer
- 27 Jacqueline Penn
- 30 Gary Rappoldt
- Brian Wildasin
- Hailey Wentz
- 31 Jan Croasmun
- Isaac Waltimyer



- 1 Jason & Laura Tyler ('11)
- 2 Mark & Robyn Schaefer ('81)
- 3 Arthur & Heidi Hanson ('80)
- 4 Cody & Katie Ort ('14)
- 5 Bob & Mary Crawford ('06)
- 6 Robert & Tiffany Licciardello ('06)
- 7 Bob & Janet Hann ('61)
- 8 Martin & Nicole Mikulas (17)
- 9 Scott & Dawnyel Henderson ('10)
- Max & Susan Beckner ('84)
- 16 Randy & Jill Hoffacker ('82)
- 18 Dustin & Amber Shaw ('14)
- 19 John & Pauline Brenneman ('52)
- 20 Robert & Terry Stickles ('85)
- Eric & Dee Stremmel/Bortner ('89)
- Nate & Beth Osborne ('90)
- 21 John & Suzanne Werner ('78)
- 22 Mike & Patti Ritter (94)
- 24 Dave & Kathy Miller ('87)
- 29 Randy & Susan Shaffer ('89)
- 31 Terry & Tenna Conover ('75)

42nd Camp Eder Fall Festival
Join us for a day of safe family fun!



October 17th 10am--3pm Outdoor Event -

Hay Rides-Live Auction-Kids activities-

Craft and Yard Sale Vendors-Eder made Apple Butter.

Pork Meal served 11-2 with outdoor meal seating

Meal tickets-Adult \$12. Under 12-\$8.

see campeder@campeder.org for

Vendor and Yard Sale Registration

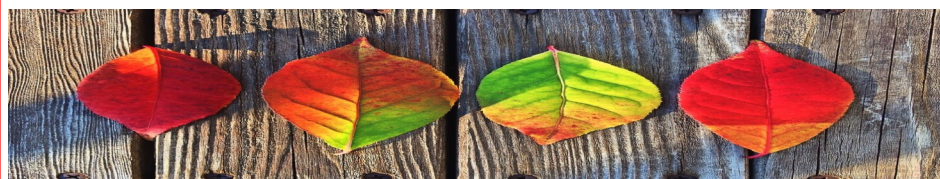
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Thank you...

- Sharon Myers –For continuing to make Masks
- Amy Hoffacker, Randy Hoffacker, Karl Lehman –For recording and working the sound and videos for Sunday Morning Worship.
- Amy Hoffacker – for copying the CD's for the Deacon Audio ministry.
- Carrie Brenton, Wynne Hoffacker, Beth Osborne and Jodi Weaver – for operating the Zoom meetings for Worship.
- Sharon Myers, Jeannie Becker, Sue Sparrow, Steve Forbush, Sandie Keller and Diana and Duane Shaulis for their work with the School Kit bags and supplies
- Those who have given supplies for the school kits, those who help pack them and those who donated to ship them. Thank you all
- Richard T and Lois Shaffer for taking the cans to be recycled regularly, these donations go to our monthly financial support of our compassion International child, Renneil (Rene) Buniel, 8 years old.

May God bless all of you for your donations and your hard work to make these ministries a success.



BLACK ROCK Church of the Brethren CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE Sunday, November 1, 2020

Therefore brethren, in view of God's mercy, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Romans 12:1



Black Rock sisters and brothers, this has been a year of change for sure, but our sense of loss has been on full display. We've lost our norms, i.e. the way we worship, the time we can be in contact with others, the way we can go about our daily activities. And yet, one loss which continues sadly to not change is the transitioning of loved ones.

While at Black Rock Church, our individual services for celebrating and remembering someone's life must also be different, we still hold those people close to our hearts. This year, we are praying those memories are just as strong and our celebration of persons joining the cloud of witnesses, those living sacrifices God truly loaned to us for a while will surround us more than ever by the power of the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of our worship and fellowship team, I am encouraging if you have mourned the loss of anyone from November of last year to this year, to share that person's name with us at church. Names will be read, and a bell will be rung, forming our traditional celebration of life moment on the first Sunday in November as we honor these servants and saints in our morning worship service. Please either note the individual's name you would like to lift up in the book located throughout October on the back table in the sanctuary, or Email the office or pastor Brandon and we will make sure to include those special loved ones very close to your heart. The person or persons you'd like us to remember do not have to be past members of Black Rock, they might simply be family or friends you've lost this past year you'd like us to join with you in remembering and celebrating by the grace and glory of God! We look forward to this incredibly special time of reflection and memory in a few short weeks.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY -Pastor Brandon



Hanover Area Council of Churches

Volunteers are always needed for various ministries.

PAL – packing, serving

Shelter – AM and PM

Meals On Wheels – runners and drivers

Front Desk – Tues and Fri reception help.

Cleaning - Wed

HACC October Special Needs

PAL-Provide A Lunch:

Spaghetti sauce

zip top bags-sandwich size

Clam shell (hinged foam) containers

Plastic food prep gloves

HACC general supplies (benefits all ministries):

Lysol spray/ disinfecting spray

MOW Meals on wheels :

prayer cards/ words of encouragement for our shut ins
large print word find or crossword activity books

Black Rock Community Aid Bin to be removed :

Recently Community Aid completed an assessment of all the clothing collection bins. Many bins have been found to be counter productive due to the large amount of dumping of large items and trash left outside the bins. The cost of removing the garbage has out weighed the benefit of the clothing donations. Our bin is one that happens to have large amounts of dumping. We currently receive \$.04 per lb. for clothing. We can now drop our donations at any Community Aid drive up drop off area location in PA and receive \$.06 per lb. for clothing as long as you let them know at the drop off site you would like the credit to go to Black Rock COB. I will be printing up cards and make them available for those who would like to make sure your donation is credited to Black Rock.

**Community Aid – Hanover Donation Drop Off :
Open 9a to 3p Monday through Saturday**



Planting gardens in difficult days

Posted on September 23, 2020 by eBrethren



GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE



Kansas



Honduras



Puerto Rico



Nigeria

By Jeffrey Boshart, manager of Global Food Initiative

“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.”— Jeremiah 29:5, NIV

These are strange and difficult days. If you are like me, this year is not turning out like you had hoped. (This may be the biggest understatement ever!) My travel plans for the Global Food Initiative (GFI) in the spring and summer were cancelled. Our family's spring break vacation was taken off the calendar. I was planning to host visitors from Haiti and Nigeria this summer, and that did not happen. COVID-19 brought many inconveniences for us; however, the reality for our international partners involves very real hardship, not just a change in schedule.

A pastor in Honduras reported that there have been families in her community who cannot go to work and cannot purchase diapers or food for their children.

A friend in Ecuador shared how fear swept the country after a rapid spread of the virus and many lives were lost in a major city. In Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Haiti, stay-at-home rules from the government were not accompanied by relief bills, unemployment checks, or any form of assistance, and therefore, staying at home meant going hungry.

Through the bad news and uncertainty about the future, I am encouraged by our partners around the world who have unwavering faith and hope that God will bring us through. They share the belief that it is important for Christ-followers to witness to their neighbors in word and deed, especially during these times. Like the Israelites exiled in Babylon, they continue to plant gardens and fields. This is also true here in the US where churches are using GFI grants for community gardens. During this pandemic, people are committed to doing more, reaching out more, and serving their neighbors sacrificially. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our sisters and brothers during this time of great need.

Your generosity to the Global Food Initiative prepares us to respond. Over the past year, we responded to requests for assistance from 27 partner organizations in 10 countries and in the US. The total amount provided in grants was more than \$200,000! In 2020, the GFI continues to receive calls for support at a time of a global financial crisis brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for being part of this important ministry and empowering many to plant gardens in these difficult days.

Learn more about the Global Food Initiative of the Church of the Brethren at www.brethren.org/gfi or support its ministry today at www.brethren.org/givegfi.



UPCOMING
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING**

**Black Rock Church of the Brethren
Congregational Business Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2020
Immediately following Worship.**

A Proposed Constitutional Amendment,

Recommendation from the Leadership Team:

It was recommended to dissolve the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team dispersing the responsibilities to various teams and line items to Properties Team and Administrative budgets.

Excerpt from the September 15, 2020 Leadership Team minutes. Gifts discernment – Karl Lehman. “The Stewardship & Finance Team has been unoccupied for the past year. Currently the financial team is made up of treasurer (Gary Rappoldt), financial secretary (Susan Felch), and offering counter (Tammy Hartlaub)”. The Leadership team then discussed, Suzanne Werner made the motion as recommended above and Sandie Keller 2nd. Leadership Team Approved

ARTICLE XV. Amendments (from our constitution)

The Leadership Team shall review the Constitution every five (5) years. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any Congregation in Business Session. Copies of proposed amendments shall be available to the members of the congregation on each of the four (4) Sundays prior to the date of the meeting.

Open Mic Night!

November 12th 2020 @ 6:30PM

All ages are welcome to Black Rock Church's
first Open Mic Night!

Bring your singing voice, instrumental skills, or
even fabulous poem writing to share!

We will be practicing social distancing, mask
wearing, and sanitation of sound equipment
(mics/pianos) to keep our event safe.


We hope to see you there!





October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:15am Worship in person and live Zoom each Sunday Morning To offer special music please contact Jodi in the office or Suzanne Werner of Worship & Fellowship Team.				1	2	3
4 Bread & Cup Communion	5	6	7	8 9a- PAL	9	10
11	12	13	14 9a Clothing Bank	15	16	17 Camp Eder Fall Festival 10a-3p Meal 11a-2p
18 November Journey Deadline	19	20 Leadership Team meeting	21	22	23	24
25 Congregation in Business meeting	26	27	28	29 9a- PAL	30	31 

Dates	Musical Group	Accompanist	AV Techs
Schedulers	Special Music needed Worship & Fellowship		
Oct 4	Adult Choir Recording	Esther Kipple	Amy Hoffacker/ Randy Hoffacker
Oct 11		Jeanne Wah	Amy Hoffacker/ Randy Hoffacker
Oct 18		Martha Brant	Karl Lehman
Oct 25		Robyn Bortner	Amy Hoffacker/ Randy Hoffacker